

The official Office Action provides that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) may be used to overcome a provisional rejection based on non-statutory double patenting. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1-26 are now allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner, withdrawal of claim rejections, and advancement of the claims to Allowance.

CONCLUSION

The present paper constitutes a complete response to the official Action mailed on June 4, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests that the remarks herein be considered to a favorable conclusion of the case. Applicant believes that the case is in condition for allowance and earnestly requests a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible time. No fees are believed due with this response with the exception of those required for filing a Terminal Disclaimer. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to Allowance, Applicant's undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference.

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